



"The City With a Heart"

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MINUTES

Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee

July 9, 2014

6:15 p.m.

Meeting location: 567 El Camino Real, Conference Room 101, San Bruno

Welcome members of the public. If you would like to speak on an item that is listed on the agenda, you may do so upon receiving recognition from the Committee Chair. If you would like to speak on an item that is not on the agenda, you may do so during item 3, Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda. As required by State Law, the Committee cannot take action on issues raised under item 3. Any such issues will be referred to staff or scheduled for a future meeting. Thank you for your interest.

1. CALL to ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present:

Randy Brase (Chair)
David Nigel (Vice Chair)
Walter Bird
Henry Mar
Jeffrey Tong
Cecile Riborozo
Laura Russell (City Staff)

2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2014 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes made by DN, second by JT. Motion passed (6-0-0)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Alexander Meledrez, 140 Portola Way, stated he is a student at UC Berkeley working on a re-design of the intersection at Santa Lucia and DeSoto Way for a class assignment. In reviewing the City's municipal code Title 7, Chapter 48, Section 090, he found the law that states "no one shall ride a bicycle on the sidewalk unless they are under the age of 10". This seems like it may need to be updated, as it may not be safe for 11-14 year olds to ride in the street until they are fully aware of traffic laws. This law was passed in 1980. A law in Georgia used the reasoning that kids usually ride slower and are lower to the ground, which can create safety issues.

DN replied that a change in the City's ordinance takes time and work; the current State law does not allow any bicycle riding on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians.

LR stated the State's laws supersede City laws. Since we cannot comment on this item, it can be added to the agenda of an upcoming meeting or referred to staff.

HM asked how an ordinance is modified. LR responded that the Committee would make a recommendation to study the request, and it would be a staff collaboration with the Police Department, Planning Department and Engineering Department to prepare a proposal to City Council. It would take review by the City Manager and City Attorney, and two readings by the City Council.

HB asked for this item to be placed on an upcoming agenda.

4. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- a. Report on Bike to Work Day: WB stated there was an excellent turnout at the BART station for the Bike to Work Day, with CR and HM assisting at the event. Good contacts were made with some teachers at Capuchino High School to promote bicycle use and workshops for high school students. HM said about 75 people came by.
- b. Report on Posy Parade: DN stated there was great interaction with a lot of people. HM and RB were also at the table. Pens were given to the people who filled out the survey and there were over 30 surveys filled out. RB stated 17 people responded that they do ride in San Bruno, 3 people ride daily, 6 people weekly, 6 people monthly. 19 people responded they do not ride, mainly due to safety concerns. 28 people walk in the City, with 12 of them walking daily, 9 people weekly, 4 do not walk at all in San Bruno, as they were from neighboring cities.

DN stated the date should be listed on the bottom of the survey form.

WB recommended a detachable portion of the form so residents can take the Committee's contact information with them.

DN stated currently the San Bruno Park School District does not allow children to bike to school due to safety concerns.

JT stated he is concerned with the issue of bicyclists safely crossing El Camino Real. A solution discussed at the National Alliance for City Transportation Officials was to develop a pedestrian/bicyclist bridge that links to the bike trails, perhaps by 380, to connect to BART and the Tanforan mall. RB stated this should be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

JT asked when the Bicycle Master Plan is going to be implemented. LR stated the timing is not definite. Items that the Committee feels are priorities for inclusion in the Master Plan as they come up can be considered at that time. Items should be consistent with the Master Plan.

JT shared that proposals for this work should be prepared so that when grant funding becomes available, the City has the necessary information to qualify.

RB stated this can be placed on an upcoming agenda.

- c. Crosswalk on Cherry Avenue: CR stated this item was brought to the Committee through the Human Resources Department at 850 Cherry Avenue. This crosswalk is used by employees on a daily basis to access Bayhill Shopping Center, but the

concern is safety when crossing as drivers do not always wait for pedestrians. RB stated he thought that each corner whether marked or not is a pedestrian crosswalk.

LR stated the crosswalk was modified in 2008 and 2012 for safety enhancements. LR stated the landscaping in the median can also impede visibility. This item was discussed with Associate Engineer Joseph Cervantes for further study. Staff would like to know if the Committee has any specific feedback that can be included in the Engineering study criteria.

HM asked if the flashing lights in the pavement could be installed. DN stated they are a big expense.

JT stated the Committee and staff must look at the surrounding area. There are a lot of buses and trucks traveling near a heavy pedestrian location.

HM stated coming out of the parking lot to make a left, a driver looks at the cars to merge into traffic instead of observing pedestrians. Perhaps limiting left turns out of the shopping center would be safer.

LR stated the Bayhill Shopping Center has an approved traffic flow plan on file with the development of the location. The current traffic flow concerns could be identified with the management of the shopping center and Walmart to come up with a solution.

DN stated a crosswalk button could be installed to showing flashing lights when pedestrians are crossing or a traffic signal could be installed; signals tend to be expensive. Perhaps Walmart would contribute funding to this for their employees.

WB stated there is a sign at Bayhill Shopping Center that says "no cyclists".

CR asked if Joseph Cervantes made a recommendation about the signage at the crosswalk. LR responded that he did say the signage could be improved.

LR stated the City's engineering staff should review the technical restraints at this location and then forward the findings to the Committee and then build a connection with the City, the Committee, Bayhill Shopping Center management and Walmart. CR stated she can take information back to Walmart.

- d. Consider Change of Meeting Time: RB stated the proposed time change from the current 6:15 pm to an earlier time. The Committee was polled for the ideal time.

DN made a motion to move the BPAC meeting time from 6:15 pm to 6:00 pm. Second by Walter Bird. Approved (6-0-0)

LR will inform the City Clerk of the time change.

RB asked for a reminder of the new meeting time before the next meeting.

- e. Subcommittee Updates:

Outreach Subcommittee: JT asked if placing outreach surveys at Caltrain and BART would be effective to gauge the concerns commuters have as pedestrians and bicyclists. DN asked how the Committee would get the surveys back. HM stated a

weblink like surveymonkey could be listed for people to give feedback.

LR stated the Committee could outline a plan and then she would present it to the City staff. It could be an effective way to advertise. It could be applied in multiple locations.

DN wanted to clarify if this is an effective way to gather data. JT stated he believes it is.

LR stated a well-designed survey will be an effective way to collect data.

RB stated we should chair this and at the next meeting we should conceive of a goal for having a survey.

Bicycle Safety: DN stated he and WB did a presentation at Portola Elementary School about bicycle safety.

JT stated there is no room for cyclists at the new Caltrain station between San Bruno Avenue and San Mateo Avenue at Huntington. This is very dangerous.

RB asked what the approved bike route is at the train station. LR responded that she does not know. This can be clarified for the next meeting.

RB asked JT to write up the location and present it to LR so it can be placed on the agenda.

Crestmoor Canyon Trails: HM stated he has no report.

Community Bike Ride: There was consensus that this subcommittee should be removed from the listing. LR stated she will remove it.

Street Conditions: WB is concerned about missing meetings, as this is the first meeting since March 2014. If a meeting is canceled, he would like the Committee to decide if we can automatically have a meeting the following month. DN stated the Committee can call a meeting if there is business to conduct.

LR stated if the Committee cancels a meeting in advance, then it is reasonable for the meeting to be rescheduled. If the meeting is canceled due to a lack of a quorum, it does not need to be automatically rescheduled unless there is an urgent matter to address.

WB stated he sees batteries in the street and is concerned about residents properly disposing of batteries. He would like to see the battery recycling bags available again to residents.

RB stated you can place the batteries in a ziplock bag and place them on top of the waste cans for pick up.

Public Service Announcements: DN stated drivers should be more alert about respecting pedestrians and he would like to have signage to make them aware.

HM stated pedestrians should also be aware of cars.

RB asked the Committee for PSA ideas for cable viewing to be shared at the next meeting.

- f. Future Agenda Items: LR encouraged the Committee to follow up on the items discussed at the meeting and staff will send a reminder email to Committee Members.

- g. Calendar Check:

LR stated at the July 22, 2014 City Council meeting, the Council is going to consider a ballot measure with a proposed amendment to Ordinance 1284 that includes building heights, residential density and above ground parking structures. A vote of the public will be required. If the Committee is interested, the agenda packet is posted on the City website. LR stated the Transit Corridor Plan is available online at planbruno.org.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2014.

5. ADJOURNMENT